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FOR IO - JOHN BAKER

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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE PARTICIPATION IN PREPCOM

1. DELEGATION HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECRETARIAT THAT SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED OBSERVER STATUS AT THIS MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION. WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN DELAYING A DECISION UNTIL TUESDAY MORNING, SEPT 28, 0900 ROME TIME.

2. WE ENVISION THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO: A) COMMISSION WILL BE ASKED TO MAKE A DECISION ON ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE INCLUDING RULE 39 WHICH PROVIDES FOR STATES WHICH ARE NOT LISTED IN SCHEDULE I TO BE INVITED TO "PARTICIPATE IN AN OBSERVER CAPACITY IN ITS MEETINGS AND IN THOSE OF ITS COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES"; B) SRV WILL THEN BE PROPOSED TO COMMISSION AS AN OBSERVER.

3. UNDER EXISTING GUIDELINES WE PLAN TO ALLOW RULES OF PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED INCLUDING RULE 39. WE WILL MAKE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "US DOES NOT BELIEVE THESE PREPARATORY COMMISSION RULES SHOULD NECESSARILY BE THOSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT GUIDE IFAD ITSELF. US WILL HAVE SUGGESTIONS ON

IFAD RULES AS THEY ARE DEVELOPED IN THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION."

4. WE ASSUME OUR RESERVATION WILL BE NOTED AND THAT RULES WILL BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

5. GUIDANCE REQUESTED FROM DEPARTMENT ON FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: A) SHOULD WE FOLLOW OUR CURRENT GUIDANCE WITH REGARD TO ADOPTION OF RULES PROCEDURE INCLUDING STATEMENT PROPOSED PARA 3? B). ONCE PREPCOM RULES ARE ADOPTED AND THE QUESTION OF SRV OBSERVER STATUS IS PUT TO COMMISSION, WHAT POSITION SHOULD US TAKE? THIS INVOLVES THE GENERAL STANCE US WILL TAKE ON GRANTING OBSERVER STATUS UNDER RULE 39 TO THOSE COUNTRIES NOT NOW LISTED IN SCHEDULE I OF IFAD AGREEMENT.

6. THE QUESTION AT HAND IS THE SRV BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER SMALLER COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE WHO MAY SEEK OBSERVER STATUS AT FUTURE PREPCOM MEETINGS UNDER RULE 39.VOLPE

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